## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A solid polymer electrolyte comprising an electrolyte salt, and a copolymer in which a block chain A containing a repeating unit represented by a formula (I) shown below:

$$\begin{pmatrix}
R_1 & R_3 \\
C & C & C
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
C & C & C \\
C & C & C
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
C & C & C & C \\
C & C & C & C
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
C & C & C & C & C
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
C & C & C & C & C
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
C & C & C & C
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
C & C & C & C
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
C & C & C
\end{array}$$

(wherein,  $R_1$  to  $R_3$  each represent, independently, a hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbon group of C1 to C10,  $R_1$  and  $R_3$  may be bonded together to form a ring,  $R_{4a}$  and  $R_{4b}$  each represent, independently, a hydrogen atom or a methyl group,  $R_3$  represents a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, an acyl group, or a silyl group, m represents an integer from 2 to 100, and individual  $R_{4a}$  and  $R_{4b}$  groups are either identical or different), a block chain B containing a repeating unit represented by a formula (II) shown below:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R_6 & R_8 \\
\hline
C & C \\
R_7 & R_9
\end{array}$$

(wherein, R<sub>6</sub> to R<sub>8</sub> each represent, independently, a hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbon group of C1 to C10, and R<sub>9</sub> represents an aryl group), and a block chain C containing a repeating unit represented by a formula (III) shown below:

Application No. 10/523,085 Docket No.: 20241/0202402-US0

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
 & R_{10} & R_{12} \\
\hline
 & C & C \\
 & R_{11} & R_{13}
\end{array}$$
... (III)

(wherein,  $R_{10}$  to  $R_{12}$  each represent, independently, a hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbon group of C1 to C10, and  $R_{12}$  represents an aryl group or a heteroaryl group) are arranged in a sequence B, A, C.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (previously presented): A solid polymer electrolyte according to claim 1, wherein said block chains A to C form a copolymer with a B-A-C bonding sequence.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A solid polymer electrolyte according to claim 1, wherein a degree of polymerization of a repeating unit represented by said formula (I) is at least 10.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A solid polymer electrolyte according to claim 1, wherein a degree of polymerization of a repeating unit represented by said formula (II) is at least 5.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A solid polymer electrolyte according to claim 1/2, wherein a degree of polymerization of a repeating unit represented by said formula (III) is at least 5.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A solid polymer electrolyte according to claim 1, wherein a value of m in said formula (I) is an integer from 5 to 100.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A solid polymer electrolyte according to claim 1, wherein a value of m in said formula (I) is an integer from 10 to 100.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A solid polymer electrolyte according to claim 1 2, wherein said group R<sub>13</sub> in said formula (III) is an aryl group, and a degree of polymerization of a repeating unit represented by said formula (III) is at least 5.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A solid polymer electrolyte according to claim 1, wherein a molar ratio ((I)/((II)+C)) between repeating units represented by said formula (I), and a combined total of repeating units represented by said formula (II) and repeating units within said block chain C is within a range from 1/30 to 30/1.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A solid polymer electrolyte according to claim 1 2, wherein a molar ratio ((I)/((II)+(III))) between repeating units represented by said formula (I), and a combined total of repeating units represented by said formula (II) and repeating units represented by said formula (III) is within a range from 1/30 to 30/1.

Claim 12 (previously presented): A solid polymer electrolyte according to claim 1, wherein a number average molecular weight of said copolymer is within a range from 5,000 to 1,000,000.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A solid polymer electrolyte according to claim 1, which exhibits a microphase separated structure.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A solid polymer electrolyte according to claim 1, wherein said electrolyte salt is one or more materials selected from a group consisting of alkali metal salts, quaternary ammonium salts, quaternary phosphonium salts, transition metal salts, and protonic acids.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A solid polymer electrolyte according to claim 1, wherein said electrolyte salt is a lithium salt.

Claim 16 (original): A copolymer in which a block chain A containing a repeating unit represented by a formula (I) shown below:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \begin{pmatrix} R_1 & R_3 \\ C & C \end{pmatrix} & \cdots & (I) \\ \hline R_2 & \bigcirc & R_{4b} \\ O & \bigcirc & C \\ \hline C & C \\ R_{4a} & M \\ \end{array}$$

(wherein,  $R_1$  to  $R_3$  each represent, independently, a hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbon group of C1 to C10,  $R_1$  and  $R_3$  may be bonded together to form a ring,  $R_{4a}$  and  $R_{4b}$  each represent, independently, a hydrogen atom or a methyl group,  $R_3$  represents a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, an acyl group, or a silyl group, m represents an integer from 2 to 100, and individual  $R_{4a}$  and  $R_{4b}$  groups are either identical or different), a block chain B containing a repeating unit represented by a formula (II) shown below:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R_6 & R_8 \\
C & C \\
R_7 & R_9
\end{array}$$

(wherein, R<sub>6</sub> to R<sub>8</sub> each represent, independently, a hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbon group of C1 to C10, and R<sub>9</sub> represents an aryl group), and a block chain C containing a repeating unit represented by a formula (III) shown below:

(wherein,  $R_{10}$  to  $R_{12}$  each represent, independently, a hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbon group of C1 to C10, and  $R_{13}$  represents an aryl group or a heteroaryl group) are arranged in a sequence B, A, C.

Application No. 10/523,085 Docket No.: 20241/0202402-US0

Claim 17 (original): A copolymer according to claim 16, wherein said block chains A to C are bonded together in a B-A-C sequence.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A copolymer according to claim 16, wherein a degree of polymerization of a repeating unit represented by said formula (I) is at least 10.

Claim 19 (previously presented): A copolymer according to claim 16, wherein a degree of polymerization of a repeating unit represented by said formula (II) is at least 5.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A copolymer according to claim 16, wherein a degree of polymerization of a repeating unit represented by said formula (III) is at least 5.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A copolymer according to claim 16, wherein a value of m in said formula (I) is an integer from 5 to 100.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A copolymer according to claim 16, wherein a value of m in said formula (I) is an integer from 10 to 100.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A copolymer according to claim 16, wherein said group  $R_{13}$  in said formula (III) is an aryl group, and a degree of polymerization of a repeating unit represented by said formula (III) is at least 5.

Claim 24 (previously presented): A copolymer according to claim 16, wherein a molar ratio ((I)/((II)+(III))) between repeating units represented by said formula (I), and a combined total of repeating units represented by said formula (II) and repeating units represented by said formula (III) is within a range from 1/30 to 30/1.

Claim 25 (previously presented): A copolymer according to claim 16, wherein a number average molecular weight of said copolymer is within a range from 5,000 to 1,000,000.

Application No. 10/523,085 Docket No.: 20241/0202402-US0

Claim 26 (previously presented): A copolymer according to claim 16, which exhibits a microphase separated structure.

Claim 27 (previously presented): A method of producing a copolymer according to claim 16, which utilizes a living radical polymerization in which a transition metal complex is used as a catalyst, and an organohalogen compound comprising 1 or more halogen atoms is used as an initiator.

Claims 28-29 (canceled).